Purchase of alum by Badarpur power plant from large scale industries

3304. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHA-KRAVARTY:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation, Badarpur is purchasing 'ALUM' worth crores of rupees annually from large industrial houses whereas the said item is reserved for manufacturing in small scale sector and also reserved for purchasing by Government organisations from small scale, sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that the management of Badarpur Thermal Power Plant has agreed in principle to encourage the setting up of ancillary industries for the items reserved for small scale sector under New 20-Point Economic Programme to generate more employment and to end poverty speedily; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI): (a) According to National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). alum is purchased by Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS) by inviting open-tenders and due consideration is given to small-scale Industries Corporation with the National Small Industries Corporation, in accordance with the existing instructions of the Government. Purchase of alum by Government organisations has not so far been reserved for the small scale sector.

Alum worth about Rs. 40 lakhs was purchased by BTPS from 1986 up July, 1988.

(b) and (c) According to NTPC a large number of existing small scale industries in and around Delhi, have been identified and short listed by BTPS for purchase of spare parts required by them.

Prices of glipizide range formulations

3305. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 687 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the leading formulation brands based on Glipizide, Thoridazine, Cephaloridine, Flubiprofen Oxyfedrine Hcl and what are their sales as per ORG during 1988;

(b) what were the prices of these brands under DPCO 1979 and what are their prices at present alongwith the details of percentage increase; and

(c) whether the prices of these products were ever fixed under DPCO, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Sales turn-over of formulations is not monitored. The details relating to prices of leading brands of formulations based on the bulk drugs referred to in the question are therefore not available.

Fixation of prices of T. B. Drugs.

@3306. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated the 25th July, 1988 regarding over-charging the T. B. patients for rifampicin capsule and INH, the most effective drugs for the disease;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of this essential drug has not been fixed since 1983; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the measures taken by Government to ensure the availability of the drug to T. B. patients at the fixed prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) A price of Rs. 12.01 has been fixed for 4 capsules of Rifampicin and

@Previously Unstarred Question 2612 transferred from the 17th August, 1988.

INH (450 mg X 300 mg) in some case under DPCO, 1987. Ceiling prices for different pack sizes of this combination formulation are also being notified. Government have not received any reports of non-availability of formulations referred to in the question.

Prices of different salts of Betamethasone

3307. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different salts of Betamethasone which were the subject matter of litigation apart from Betamethasone itself in Delhi High Court and what was the production of each from the date of litigation to the date of promulgation of Drugs Price Control Order, 1987;

(b) what were the prices of formulations charged by the company based on these drugs and those which were approved by Government along with production of each formulation, yearwise;

(c) whether this Ministry made any recovery, if so, on what rate the calculation was made in respect of each bulk drug and formulation; and

(d) what is the present price at which each formulation is being sold and when was the price of each fixed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The different salts of Betamethasone involved in the Delhi High Court case are:

1. Betamethasone Alcohol
2. Betamethasone 17-Valerate
3. Betamethasone Di-Sodium Phosphate.

The production of Betamothasone during the year 1982 83 to 1985-86 is given below:

Year	Production (Kg.) M/s. Glindia Ltd.
1982-83	583.00
1983-84	613.88
1984-85	712.64
1985-86	735.19

(b) and (d) The details asked for are quite voluminous. The time and efforts required for collection of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) No, Sir.

Assessment of DPEA against drug companies

3308. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 641 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1988 and state:

(a) by when the amounts due upto 31st December, 1983 would be finally assessed against the drug companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of irregularities have been committed by the committee in assessing the amount;

(c) by when the final findings of the committee would be laid on the Table of the House; and

(d) what are the details based on which tentative amounts have been assessed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The special team has already finalised in respect of 6 companies.

(b) No Sir.

(c) The findings of the Committee are not required to be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The tentative amounts have been assessed based on the prices charged by the companies and the prices fixed by the Government.

Prices of Methidilazine range formulations

3309. SHRI HARI SINGH:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 668 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the major formulators of Methidilazine, Nandrolone